

**THE CALEXICO SPECIAL FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 1ST DAY OF JUNE 2010 AT THE 101 W. HACIENDA DR., SUITE 9, CALEXICO, CA. THE DATE, HOUR, AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairman Romero called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and Mr. Richard Neault led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE.**

Chairman:	Daniel F. Romero
Vice-Chairperson:	Sylvia Bernal
Board Member:	Rosie Fernandez
Board Member:	Guillermo Hermosillo (alternate)

**ABSENT:**

Board Member: Luis J. Castro  
*Board Member Rosie Fernandez left meeting at 12:50 p.m.*

**GUESTS**

Frank Oswalt, JPA Counsel	Oscar Grijalva
Gabriela Garcia, Deputy Clerk	Maria T. Camacho
Gloria Grijalva, HMHD	Sandra Tauler
Peter Mercado, Fire Chief	Kevin Smith
Mike R. Paredes	Sylvia Brandon
Linda Barrientos	Daniel Fitzgerald, CCEZ
Jackie Gonzalez	Tim Kelley, IVEDC

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Bernal and seconded by Board Member Fernandez to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES:	Romero, Bernal, Fernandez, Hermosillo
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Castro
ABSTAIN:	None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Sandra Tauler, Community Services Director for the City of Calexico gave a presentation to the Board concerning a request for possible funding for the Recreation Department's summer programs.

Frank Oswalt, JPA Counsel expressed his concern on the proposed use of funds for recreation activities. He recommended tabling the item and placing it on the Heffernan Memorial Hospital District (HMHD) agenda for recommendation by board for the use of the funds.

Vice-Chairperson Bernal advised Ms. Tauler the HMHD meetings are held on first and third Wednesday of the month.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Board Member Hermosillo seconded by Board Member Fernandez to approve consent agenda consisting of the following: Minutes for May 18, 2010; Invoices for legal counsel – Frank Oswalt for May 2010. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES:	Romero, Bernal, Fernandez, Hermosillo
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Castro
ABSTAIN:	None

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON A 24-HOUR URGENT CARE (HEFFERNAN HEALTHCARE DIST.)**

Clerk read letter from Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District regarding the Urgent Care Initiative dated May 28, 2010.

Vice-Chairman Bernal stated that the HMHD is eager to get this project started. This project would alleviate the emergency and urgent care needs of the community since presently the urgent care facilities are not open from 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Board Member Fernandez stated that with a physician on board there will be more procedures and services available to the public.

Board Member Hermosillo requested a formal presentation to the City Council.

Chairman Romero requested a legal opinion from the City Attorney to bring before the Council in order to direct the JPA representatives.

Frank Oswalt, JPA Counsel stated this is clearly within the mandate of the JPA and there are substantial amount of funds that could be spent on capital. There is no legal objection to providing funding to the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District.

Board discussed funding of equipment and of operational expenses. Chairman Romero stated he would rather fund equipment over funding operational expenses. He further stated the JPA has not wanted to fund staff for Fire Department and even though funding a physician for the facility is a great idea, he would rather see the funds spent on equipment.

Frank Oswalt, JPA Counsel stated there is nothing that prevents the JPA from approving the expenditure; however, this JPA has always been very cautious about not spending on salaries.

Chairman Romero and Board Member Hermosillo requested that a detailed presentation to the City Council and provide a breakdown on the expenditure of the funds.

Item tabled to be taken before the City Council.

#### **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON CONTINUUM OF CARE TO IMPERIAL VALLEY BY RICHARD NEAULT**

Mr. Richard Neault, MMG, presented a project on a healthcare facility jobs program with 1200 beds of which 200 of these beds will be for young veterans and 1000 beds for sub-acute care. This project is possible due to the healthcare bill passed this year. Funds for the project would be State and Federal. Federal reimbursement for the project would be at 93% and State reimbursement at 7%. Other facilities such as this one are being set-up in Tucson, Minneapolis and Birmingham.

The young veterans would be patients and then be hired to work for six months. Following the six months, they could then relocate to another facility closer to their home. This program has not been established completely however, MMG is working with Congressman Flair on this project. Cities are contributing the land to these projects.

Chairman Romero questioned with what certainty the beds would be occupied. Mr. Neault stated that with all certainty, the beds would be filled the day the facility opens. He further stated that with the healthcare bill the reimbursement for the facility is for 100% poverty and 30% over the poverty level.

Board Member Hermosillo stated the project needs to be presented to the City Council for direction.

Tim Kelley, IVEDC, stated he has been working with Mr. Neault for the past fifteen months and that the project qualifies for industrial bonds. He further stated he is very excited about the jobs created by the project and the State and Federal patient referrals to the facility.

Frank Oswalt, JPA Counsel, expressed concern on the use of JPA funds contribution of funds to a population that is not from Calexico.

Direction was given to present the project to the City Council.

**DISCUSSION AND OR ACTION REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE PURCHASE OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE (FIRE APPARATUS).**

Chief Mercado presented a request for funding of the purchase of an emergency response vehicle (fire apparatus). Chief stated the approximate cost of the engine is \$ 420,000. He stated he was unable to obtain an invoice on the equipment by the meeting date.

After lengthy discussion on the expenses and collections and reimbursements of the ambulance and fire engine services, Board Member Hermosillo requested the Chief provide the breakdown of the cost for staffing of the ambulance and fire and the Item was continued to the following JPA meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL SUPPLIES.**

Chief Mercado submitted the invoices for the expenses incurred during the earthquake emergency. He advised these are items that are not reimbursable by FEMA.

Chairman Romero asked if the expenses had already been paid. He was informed by Chief Mercado that the payment has been submitted through the emergency services account. All expenses need to be paid by the City of Calxico before any reimbursement can be made.

Motion made by Board Member Hermosillo to pay invoices submitted for medical supplies and for expenses incurred by El Centro Regional Medical Center. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chairperson Bernal. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES:	Romero, Bernal, Hermosillo
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Castro, Fernandez
ABSTAIN:	None

**JPA BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Board Member Hermosillo stated he would be representing the JPA for Mr. Castro in the upcoming meetings.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Board convened in closed session at 1:20 p.m. to discuss the following:

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Property: Pertaining to Lot-APN 059-010-062

Agency Negotiators: Rosie Fernandez, Sylvia Bernal, Daniel Romero, Luis J. Castro, and Frank Oswalt

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

Negotiating Party: Phil Heald, Attorney Timothy Konold

Board reconvened from closed session at 1:35 p.m. Direction given. No reportable action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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Daniel Romero, Chairman

Attest:

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Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy Clerk